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SUBJECT: FY 197T FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT FOR TUNISIA

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOT THAT USG IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE \$10 MILLION IN FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT TO TUNISIA DURING FY 197T (TRANSITIONAL QUARTER) FOR PURCHASE OF CHAPARRAL AND VULCAN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS.

2. FY 197T LOAN AGREEMENT, WHICH MUST BE SIGNED NO RPT NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, WILL BE SIMILAR IN FORM AND CONTENT TO FY 1976 AGREEMENT. LOAN OF \$10 MILLION WITH MAXIMUM REPAYMENT PERIOD OF 8 YEARS, INCLUDING TWO YEAR GRACE PERIOD, WILL BE SOUGHT FROM FEDERAL FINANCING BANK

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(FFB). DISBURSEMENT PERIOD WILL BE FIRST 24 MONTHS

FOLLOWING DATE OF SIGNATURE OF LOAN AGREEMENT. INTEREST WILL AGAIN BE RATE AT TIME OF DISBURSEMENT AS DETERMINED BY FFB. INTEREST ON PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING WILL BE PAID ON APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, COMMENCING APRIL 1, 1977. PRINCIPAL WILL BE REPAYED IN 15 CONSECUTIVE SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS (APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1) OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL AMOUNTS, COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 1977. USG WILL GUARANTEE LOAN, FOR WHICH GUARANTY FEE OF \$25,000 WILL BE PAID TO TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES BY GOT FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES. OTHER TERMS OF LOAN WILL BE DETERMINED BY FFB.

3. WE WILL INFORM EMBASSY WHEN LOAN AGREEMENT IS READY FOR SIGNATURE, AT WHICH TIME GOT SHOULD AUTHORIZE EMBASSY OFFICIAL OR OTHER OFFICIAL TO SIGN FY 1977 FFB LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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